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DR. W. DOUGLAS HUGGINS, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, (seated) is seen with three leaders in the current Baptist Hospital campaign as they plan for the statewide June 21 hospital observance. Others are, from left, (standing): W. R. (Buck) Newman, Jackson, vice-president of trustees; Paul J. Pryor, administrator, and Ben Lampton, Jackson, vice-chairman of the Development Council.

Sunday, June 21 Will Be 'Baptist Hospital Day'

Sunday, June 21 will be "Baptist Hospital Sunday" in the Mississippi Baptist Convention when the churches will be asked to emphasize the ministry of healing and take an offering for the current Mississippi Baptist Hospital campaign to raise \$2,000,000 toward the construction of a new 600-bed hospital.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, said that the designating of Hospital Sunday came as a result of action taken at a called meeting of the Board on Tuesday, April 30.

The purpose of the Sunday observance is to focus attention upon the development program of the hospital, the state's largest private general hospital.

Those plans call for a totally new 600-bed hospital which is scheduled for construction starting about a year from now.

An interim goal is the \$2,000,000 sought in a public fund drive which began April 1 and which already reached the two-thirds mark, with pledges totaling \$1,369,103.

Dr. Hudgins said "Hospital Sunday" is designed to help the hospital put the drive over the top.

The hospital board of trustees has sent a message to Baptist churches throughout the state inviting Baptists to participate in the effort to expand

the hospital's "Christian ministry of healing."

The letter has suggested that many Baptists may want to memorialize loved ones with gifts to the hospital's development fund specified for that purpose.

Paul J. Pryor, administrator of the hospital, said in connection with "Hospital Sunday,"

"It is essential that Mississippi Baptists play a leadership role in this campaign and that they serve as an example to others in giving their full support to this vital undertaking on behalf of a Baptist institution which for 60 years has carried out a Christian ministry of healing."

Baptist Hospital currently has 400 acute beds, making it the largest hospital in the state, exclusive of hospitals supported by federal and state government.

This will be increased to 600 acute beds with the construction of the new hospital on a six-acre site diagonally

across the street from the present facility.

The present building will be transformed into an extended-care unit of 300 beds, and a separate 100-bed progressive-care unit is scheduled to open later this year.

Thus the development program envisions a modern medical complex of 1000 beds meeting three different levels of patient need.

These plans have been revealed by T. Harvey Hedgepath, president of the hospital board, and by Paul J. Pryor, administrator of the hospital.

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\$200,000 Is Sought For Seminary

The launching of a campaign to raise \$200,000 for the seminary and a record number of 131 graduates marked the commencement exercises of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, held June 5 at seminary headquarters in Jackson.

The campaign to raise \$200,000 was launched by the National Alumni Association of the seminary.

Target-date for completion of the drive was set for June of 1976.

Rev. Barne Thamas, pastor of Peacock Heights Baptist Church, Dallas, who delivered the commencement sermon, gave the initial gift of \$100.00 to the campaign.

The second gift, also \$100.00, was made by W. B. Holliman, of Hattiesburg, a seminary trustee.

The trustees voted to name the library The Barney M. Thamas Memorial Library. Mr. Thamas, a native Mississippian, gave his entire library to the Seminary.

Honorary degrees, Doctor of Divinity, were conferred on Rev. E. H. Potter, pastor for 37 years of New Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, Biloxi and Rev. Famous McElhaney, pastor for 40 years of Morning Star Baptist Church of Gulfport.

The following officers of the Alumni Association were elected:

Rev. W. T. Guice, pastor New Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, Gulfport, president; Dr. S. L. Bowman, pastor Greater Clark Street Baptist Church, Jackson, vice-president; Mrs. Carrie Downing of Jackson, secretary; Mrs. Beulah Lyons, Gulfport, corresponding secretary; Rev. Leon Bell, pastor Hyde Park Baptist Church, Jackson, treasurer; Mrs. Barnes, Laurel, financial secretary.

The Alumni Association also named an inaugural committee composed of the officers of the Alumni Association and Miss Ellen Johnson of Jackson. This committee will work with the inaugural committee of the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, composed of Dr.

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ard M. Nixon to rescind his appointment of a special representative to the Vatican.

SBC Missionaries Now Out Of Jordan

in his home by Palestinian guerrillas last Wednesday.

Five days of intense fighting in Amman between Jordanian troops and Palestinian guerrillas left an estimated 700 persons dead, according to AP. Maj. Robert P. Perry, who was attached to the U.S. embassy in Amman, was slain at his home there.

Sixty-two foreign hostages, including 21 Americans, were released by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and a cease-fire was in effect following concessions by King Hussein. However, scattered firing broke out in Amman again Saturday as foreigners were being evacuated.

Missioners Assist In Quake Area

By Linda Brittle

RICHMOND, Va. Southern Baptist missionaries in Peru are amateur radio operators are part of the only communications link with much of the area devastated May 31 by the country's worst recorded earthquake.

Southern Baptist missionaries are stationed in the large cities of Trujillo and Lima, but not in the Huaylas Canyon area where whole communities were wiped off the map by landslides and floods from mountain lakes.

Miss Hilda Harper of Jackson, Miss., is a Southern Baptist missionary journeyman who works with career missionaries in Trujillo.

A radio message from the Peru Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) picked up by ham operators in Virginia reiterated an immediate cabled request to Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond, Va., for \$5,000 in emergency relief funds. A spokesman for board officials attending the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Denver, said funds were quickly granted.

Initial radio messages confirmed the safety of all 16 Southern Baptist missionaries in Peru.

The board of damage to Baptist property.

Ham operators in Harrisonburg and Richmond, Va., relayed these reports to board headquarters from Southern Baptist missionary Keith D. Shelton in Trujillo, Peru.

Shelton used a hand-cranked generator to power his radio unit since Trujillo was without electricity.

Inquiries from the United States about friends and relatives who could possibly be disaster victims had to wait while Shelton broadcast information out of Peru. Meanwhile, Southern Baptist missionaries J. Bryan Brasington and Ben R. Murray, planning to coordinate relief efforts with Shelton, left Lima the day after the quake hit and took portable radio equipment to Chimbote, a port town 12 miles from the epicenter of the earthquake.

Shelton then began working with Brasington and Murray to answer state-side inquiries.

Communications Broken

Broken communications still prevented an accurate tally of deaths, and officials estimate that the toll might reach 30,000. Communications specialists in the Peruvian army moved to set up a radio network to replace ham operators.

Through electronic whines and crackles of static, Shelton radioed that missionaries would begin relief efforts by supplying cement, steel, bricks, and other building materials for emergency housing. "We must

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Action Commission Says Envoy Naming 'Disappoints'

In commenting upon the appointment of the Vatican envoy, Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Executive Director, Christian Action Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention, stated: "The announcement that President Nixon has appointed a 'personal representative' to the Vatican disappoints those who are concerned for the preservation of the American tradition of free churches in a free society."

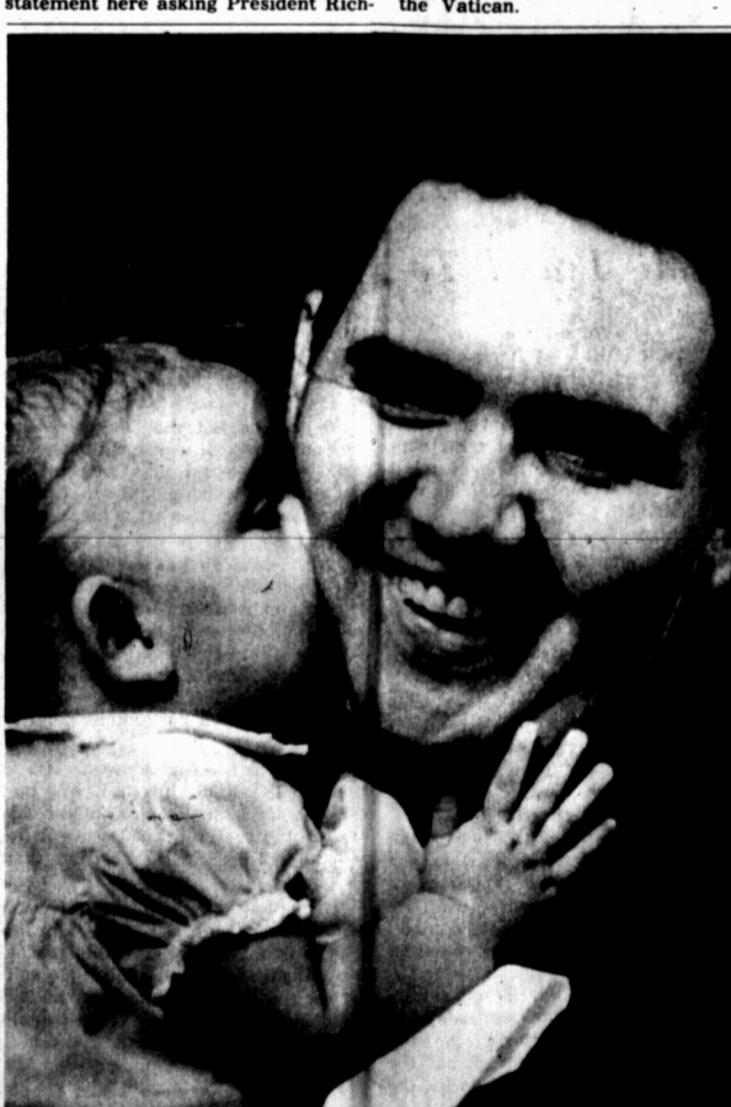
We would reaffirm the sentiment expressed in a statement to the President approved by the Southern Baptist Convention in June, 1969, which said in part:

Persistent reports that the United States Government is considering the use of an official representative to the Vatican have caused considerable concern among us. . . . We would not

want to see any church "used" even for the worthy purposes of foreign policy, nor for the administration of domestic policies of state.

We understand the Constitution of the United States to stipulate an assumption of government that churches are essentially spiritual bodies without special political position or political powers. The churches make their impact without use of state power to control or compel."

Continuing Dr. Hensley stated, "The President's appointment of a special representative to the Vatican will, in our opinion, erode civic and religious good-will in this country. It is an unfortunate step backwards in American political theory and practice, and in the separate and proper functioning of church and state."



Father's Day June 21

"And the glory of our children are their fathers" Proverbs 17:6—(Home Board Photo)

Campaigns In Asia Start In June

Church-centered Baptist evangelistic campaigns will begin in 10 Asian countries June 21 and in three more countries June 28.

After mass rallies in stadiums and auditoriums, personal visitation in homes, radio and television presentations, concerts and press conferences,

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Women Pay Tribute To 125 Years Of Mission Efforts

By Catherine Allen

DENVER (BP)—The Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union paid tribute to 125 years of cooperative missions efforts by the Southern Baptist Convention and called on members of the woman's auxiliary to pull together for missions expansion.

Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Waco, Tex., who was re-elected president of the 1.4 million-member women's group, said that a new measure of unity, faith, prayer, and increased financial gifts will be necessary to make future missions work surpass that of the past.

Theme for the two-day annual WMU meeting was "Living the Christ Life."

A music and missions hymn festival was used to celebrate the anniversary of the convention. Solos by Norma Zimmer and Jim Roberts of the Lawrence Welk Show highlighted the festival.

Claude A. Rhea Jr., of Birmingham, Ala., and Gene Bartlett of Oklahoma City, directed the audience "in stereo" in singing old favorites such as "Amazing Grace," "Dwelling in Beulah Land," and "How Great Thou Art."

Music was mixed with testimonies by Mr. and Mrs. Allen N. Stickney, recently appointed as missionaries to Kenya, and by Bob Tremaine, pioneer Baptist missionary in Worcester, Mass.

Tremaine urged Southern Baptists to be flexible in attitude, versatile in approach, and Scriptural and spiritual in augmentation, to meet the nation's crises with Christianity.

Another speaker was W. A. Criswell, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, who called for Southern Baptists to pull together and to improve the quality of Christian practice.

"We'll never win the world just with paid missionaries," he said. "If we are to live the Christ life, we must increase in giving, study, prayer, and commitment." He stressed lay involvement in missions through Christ-like devotion to the church and to people.

A session saluting foreign missions revealed the Foreign Mission Board's stance for the future. Mission board executives talked of expansion beyond the 73 countries currently served by Southern Baptists. They called for greater creativity in use of resources, for strengthening of current

masses, and for emphasis on indigenous churches.

Jesse Fletcher, director of the mission support division of the board, said plans will require 13 million additional funds each year for the next ten years. He said contributions will have to pass the 1969 level of \$73.35 per capita and 15.8 per cent of funds leaving the local church.

A session spotlighting home missions used multiple media to tell the story of Southern Baptist expansion in the West.

Music, duo slide projectors, and a procession of three dozen key figures displayed the extent and variety of Southern Baptist home missions in the West.

Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary of the SBC Home Mission Board, said Baptists in states where Southern Baptists are newcomers total more than 600,000. They have formed more than 2,700 churches since 1940—an average of two new churches per week.

Rutledge reminded the audience that SBC founders wrote no geographical limitations into the constitution. Although only 11 states were represented in the organizational meeting, all 50 states now contain Southern Baptist churches.

Kenneth Chafin, director of the evangelism division of the board, said that today's Baptists have seen the hopes of the SBC founders come to reality. "They envisioned the day we would have money, status, power, and organization. We have seen that dream come true."

Western missionaries and pastors described work with the Spanish, Chinese, Koreans, international students, military personnel, and ranchers.

Miss Alma Hunt, WMU executive secretary, challenged women to magnify the unchanging purposes of WMU rather than the problems recently encountered in change.

"We are coming through a time of inertia, losses, and an astounding reluctance to change. Perhaps these problems will throw us back on the resources of God," she said.

"In spite of our losses, I believe better WMU work is being done today."

Serving with Mrs. Mathis as WMU officers for 1970-71 will be Mrs. Roy E. Snider, Camden, Ark., recording secretary; and Miss Hunt. Vice presidents of WMU are presidents of state

Religious Ed Speakers

Discuss New Morality

By Mike Dixon

DENVER (BAP)—Southern Baptist educational leaders heard two experts in their field exchange view on the "new morality," and other issues confronting their denomination here at the Brown Palace Hotel.

The two speakers aired their opinions during a question-and-answer dialogue following prepared talks at the opening session of the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association, a satellite conference of the Southern Baptist Convention.

R. Lofton Hudson, director of the Midwestern Christian Counseling Center in Kansas City, Mo., took a situationist's approach to a question from the floor, "What should we do about those in our churches who accept the new morality?"

"The answer lies in determining what will this action do to you and to others," Hudson said. "Will it keep you from reaching your objectives? If so, it's wrong."

In response, Albert McClellan of Nashville, program planning secretary for Southern Baptist executive committee, said he begins with biblical revelation.

The Christian's action must be consistent with the Bible. If situationists such as Joseph Fletcher don't accept proof texts of the Bible, namely the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes, they are wrong, McClellan asserted.

Hudson said he believed in biblical revelation, too, but he did not accept the Bible literally in many cases.

McClellan had the last word on the subject, insisting that situational ethics often is based on exceptional situations.

"For me, to throw overboard the ideals of the Bible to meet these exceptions just isn't a valid approach," McClellan said.

Another questioner wanted to know how church leaders can minister to Red baiters and those who are on a Communist witch hunt.

"Not much," answered Hudson. "Get as far away from them as you can." Earlier in his speech titled "Leadership Implications for Change," Hudson said change often evokes a fear reaction which might be called the "Communist behind every Birch tree" game.

In today's changing world, South-

ern Baptist leaders have got to sell the church anew, Hudson said. He called the church the most undersold institution in society.

Church leaders should begin by sounding modern, according to Hudson, who advocated abandoning the use of the King James Version of the Bible in worship services.

"The words are archaic and many of them have changed their meanings," he said. "If we are to contact modern man we will have to translate our Good News into his language, not expect him to learn ours."

McClellan, who spoke on "1970's Challenge As I See It," told his denominational colleagues that their work must be done in a changed and changing milieu, that "we have moved from a world where everyone is for us to one where many are against us."

"The church as we have known it is apparently not worth it to the majority of people," McClellan said.

McClellan also called for "new semantics." He said the old vocabulary is meaningless. Many young people are calling adult leaders of the church "yesterday's men," because they use "yesterday's language."

When it comes to language God has "done his thing," McClellan continued. "God's eternal word has been spoken, and now it is up to us to do our thing. It's not enough to quote the Great Commission and to say that our goal is to save the world."

McClellan explained that Southern Baptists must clearly define their statements and goals in terms of human experience.

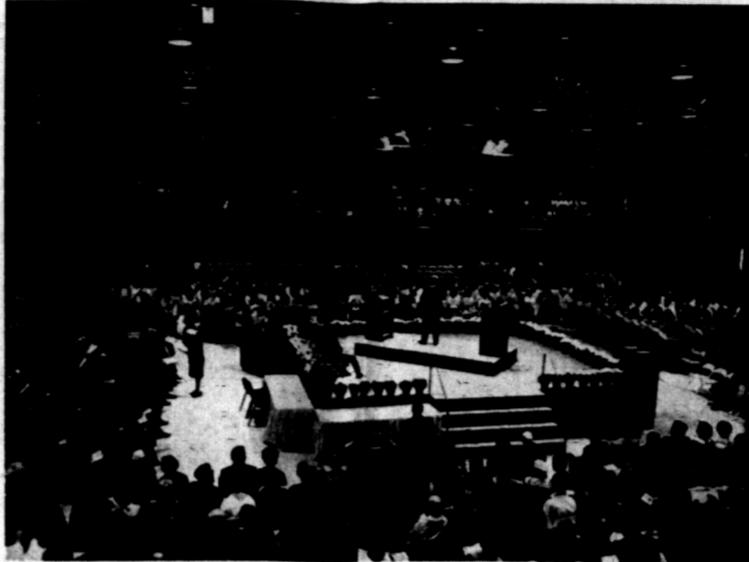
In the case of youth, in particular, factual language is required. They no longer automatically accept what their parents or other adults say. "We have taught them to believe only facts; now they are asking for only facts," McClellan said.

The new milieu demands a new educational dynamic, he said, a dynamic which will entail a deeper understanding of what it means to be a Christian, a return to a mentality of expectancy and hopefulness, and a new burst of creativity to help shape the convention's motion.

"Those of us who are not willing to change will surely go to the hell of history," was the way Hudson summed it up.



Hardin-Simmons Band performs at SBC.



The Pastors' Conference in Denver featured dual pulpits.



Beside the Southern Baptist Hospital Booth at SBC, Denver, Dr. Luther Joe Thompson, pastor of First Church, Richmond, Va., former pastor, Calvary, Jackson chats with D. Joe Tuten, (right,) present pastor, Calvary, Jackson.

TELEGRAM FROM RICHARD NIXON

Honorable Fred B. Rhodes
Southern Baptist Convention
Denver, Colorado

The one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary of the Southern Baptist Convention is a milestone of deep significance to our country—and the dedicated work of your members in communities across America has made it so. As I express to you my warm congratulations on this occasion, I recall your founding in 1845 at a difficult time for our nation, and I join you in looking back with pride and admiration on the contributions you have made since that historic date to advance the cause of peace and goodwill both at home and abroad.

The growth of your membership attests to the spiritual comfort and sustaining strength you bring to men and women as you spread the word and work of God on earth.

Your steady success in the midst of adversity gives encouragement to all who lead this nation now. And as I applaud your impressive past achievements, I welcome your continuing role in the lives of our people and in the quest for the just and honorable peace we so earnestly seek.

Richard Nixon

Commentary Motion Maker Says He Fasted, Prayed To Prepare For SBC

By Mike Dixon

DENVER (BP)—A Baptist pastor who had been fasting throughout the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention here June 1-4 thanked Southern Baptist evangelists for their support of his successful motion to kill Volume I of a controversial Baptist commentary.

Gwin Turner, a Los Angeles pastor said the passing of his motion to withdraw from distribution Volume I of the Broadman Bible Commentary is a "victory for God and for the vast majority of Southern Baptists."

Turner spoke to about 130 associated evangelistic preachers and singers and an equal number of guests at an informal gathering following the annual business meeting of the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists at the Radisson Denver Hotel.

The motion, which also calls for the volume (Genesis and Exodus) to be rewritten with due consideration of the conservative viewpoint," was referred to the Baptist Sunday School Board for action during its meeting August 12-13.

James Sullivan, executive secretary of the board, said Wednesday the withdrawal and rewriting of the volume has many complexities, but the board members will comply with the convention's motion.

Turner told a reporter he will submit a position paper to Clifton J. Allen, SBC recording secretary, with copies to Sullivan and to G. Henton Davies, author of the volume. Turner

made copies of his tract, "Why I Cannot Accept the Broadman Bible Commentary" available to the evangelists.

He said he felt that neither Allen nor Sullivan can conscientiously rewrite the material in a theologically conservative vein, and that a conservative Southern Baptist scholar must be found to rewrite it.

Turner said he has eaten nothing since beginning his fast on Sunday before the convention. He said he had recently completed a 14-day fast, during which he consumed only water, to prepare himself spiritually for introducing the motion on the commentary to the 13,500 convention messengers.

He had tried to find someone else to make the motion, he said, but apparently God singled him out for this responsibility. He prayed as well as fasted, and he feels "better than ever."

Fasting had a tranquilizing effect on him, Turner said, enabling him to cope with the demands of his pastoral without getting "uptight." He said drinking only water cleanses the human body and can cure heart trouble as well as other diseases.

The reason that rain keeps people away from the church is the reason why the church is necessary.

Christianity, like a watch, needs to be wound regularly if it is to be kept running.

Pollard Text On Christian Life Commission

DENVER — It is our sincere judgment that the issues concerning the Christian Life Seminar held in Atlanta has been fully exposed and that nothing of real value can be contributed by additional discussion. Your convictions have been heard and they have registered.

It is good to know that no effort has been made to limit debate on this vitally important matter.

There are good, intelligent, and loyal Baptists who disagree on the judgment used in arranging the program.

Missioners Assist — — —

(Continued from page 1) rebuild homes and get these people out of the weather," he said.

Government spokesmen said more than 200,000 Peruvians were homeless. It is almost winter in the Andes Mountains, and there was fear of pneumonia and other illness as rain and sleet pelted those seeking shelter. Later reports indicated that typhoid and hunger were mounting problems in the ravaged area.

Damage to Baptist churches in Peru's Pacific coast cities is comparatively slight and a secondary concern, according to Shelton. The three churches in Trujillo are still structurally sound, he said, although adobe mission buildings may have to be rebuilt. Baptist property in Lima was undamaged; and damage to Baptist facilities in Cajamarca, northwest of Lima, was minor.

Southern Baptist work in Peru, which began in 1950, is based in the country's largest cities along the 1,410-mile desert coastal strip.

Mississippi Baptist Hospital — — —

(Continued, from page 1) far-sighted friends undertook to launch an institution of healing, and that other friends — many of them from other denominations — have sustained the hospital in its life and growth. If our Mississippi Baptist Hospital had not lived, I would not have had the significant years which God has permitted me to have in working with our youth in churches, in high schools, and on college campuses.

Now that our hospital plans to initiate a financial campaign to make possible its entering the demanding years of the future with a plant adequate to those demands, I am thinking again: "If our hospital should not be helped into this larger role of healing humanity's hurts, there may come a time in the future in which some other lad will not be as fortunate as was I . . . And, who knows, the loss of that lad could be infinitely more significant than the loss of this writer's life would have been!"

Because our Baptist Hospital lived when my life depended upon it, I live! And I thank our God upon every remembrance of our Mississippi Baptist Hospital. May it live and grow through the years of the future as an instrument in fulfilling the Great Physician's compassionate desire to heal the physical hurts of our world!

Now that our hospital plans to initiate a financial campaign to make possible its entering the demanding years of the future with a plant adequate to those demands, I am thinking again: "If our hospital should not be helped into this larger role of healing humanity's hurts, there may come a time in the future in which some other lad will not be as fortunate as was I . . . And, who knows, the loss of that lad could be infinitely more significant than the loss of this writer's life would have been!"

Dr. Clarence A. Jernigan, a physician for the Apollo 12 astronauts, will give his Christian testimony at mass rallies and on television when the campaigns begin. Jernigan is currently in Asia assisting with student conferences preceding the evangelistic effort.

Among featured performers are seven students from Texas called "The Lively Ones." Who raised their own funds to present concerts in Taiwan, Hong Kong, South Vietnam and East Pakistan.

Baptist church members in Indonesia have formed a performing cultural group for dramatic and vocal presentation of biblical stories through folk art. They will tour Malaysia, Thailand, East Pakistan, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Korea and will perform at the Baptist World Congress in Tokyo in July.

Seddik W. Girgis, a Baptist pastor in Cairo, Egypt, will preach and his daughter sing in three languages on their tour. J. T. Ayorinde, general secretary of the Nigerian Baptist Convention; John Kariuki of Nairobi, Kenya; Lazarus Green of Lusaka, Zambia; Andrew D. MacRae of Scotland; and Theo van der Laan of the Netherlands are also among featured evangelists in the campaigns.

Before going to Prentiss Dr. Green had served Ogden Church in Yazoo City, and Matalbany and Independence churches in Louisiana. In the period between the two pastorates at Prentiss, he served First Church, Poplarville, Miss., for 3 years and First church, Pascagoula, Mississippi.

Dr. Green has served as pastor of the Prentiss church for 25 years. This has been in two pastorates, the first beginning on January 1, 1938 and continuing for 3 years and 10 months, and the second beginning in 1949 and continuing for more than 21 years.

A native of Mississippi Dr. Green graduated at Mississippi College and received his Th.D. from New Orleans Seminary. He also received an honorary D.D. degree from Mississippi College.

Dr. Green is widely known as a Bible student and expositor, and for the past several years has prepared a comprehensive outline on the Bible book used in the January Bible Study promoted by the Southern Baptist Convention, and personally has taught the book in many churches each year. He also is author of two other outline books on Bible Study and Christian living.

Few would question the motive of those responsible for such program.

However, we are well aware of the fact that many Southern Baptists strongly resent the pressure of certain personalities on the agenda of the Seminar. We also agree that many of our brethren have no objection to the presence of these men on the program.

We would urge that it be the sense of this body that the Southern Baptist Convention does not command or condemn the program of the Atlanta Seminar.

We would urge our boards, agencies, and commissions to be exceedingly careful in arranging future programs so that the harmony and cooperative spirit of convention not be destroyed.

We also suggest that whatever mistakes in judgment, if any, may have been made, be forgiven and that we move forward in seeking to help solve the acute problems we face in every area of life.

We would also assure Dr. Foy Valentine and the Christian Life Commission of our concern and prayers as they seek to lead us in a most difficult phase of our denominational life.

Ramsay Pollard

H. H. Hobbs

J. D. Grey

H. F. Paschall

Mr. President:</



Thirty Mississippians Graduate At New Orleans Seminary

SBC Leaders Hit Vatican Appointment

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President Nixon first announced he was considering the possibility.

Allen is also president of a nationwide organization called Americans United for Separation of Church and State, a group with a long history of opposition to U. S. diplomatic ties with the Roman Catholic Church.

The joint statement issued by the three Baptist leaders said that Nixon's decision to appoint Lodge as a special diplomatic representative to the Pope "marks a dark day in the struggle to maintain freedom of religious conscience, and our American heritage of separation of church and state."

The statement continued:

"America's forefathers fought and died to separate their government from the entanglements of religious establishments. That heritage has been ignored by the Chief of State when he yielded to political pressure by some religionists to establish diplomatic relations with the Vatican."

"It is the height of irony that a man elected on campaign promises to bring us together again should strike this serious blow to divide our American people."

"We regret that passions of religious divisiveness will be stirred by this tragically unwise step."

"When rumors circulated early in the Nixon administration that such a move was being contemplated, an avalanche of public protest was experienced by the White House."

"It is certain that many Americans of all religious persuasions and of none will be earnestly opposed to this unconstitutional admixture of the Chief of State."

"We earnestly urge President Nixon to rescind this unwise action," the statement concluded.

Joint Committee Opposes Appointment

WASHINGTON — (BPA) — According to announcement at the White House by Ronald L. Ziegler, the President's press secretary, Lodge will have "no official title... and accreditation is not envisioned." Thus, confirmation by the U. S. Senate is not necessary.

Ziegler cited the informal contacts already begun by this administration, and said the President "feels it is important to maintain continuing contact with the Holy Father." He continued that "it is important to have the benefit of the Vatican's information and views on a continuing basis and to exchange views which are matters of mutual interest."

The President's appointment of a special envoy to the Vatican goes against pléas by Baptists and other Protestant groups who believe that the government should not establish official diplomatic relations with any religious body.

Joint Committee Adopts Statement

In 1969 when such a move was announced to be under consideration by Mr. Nixon, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in semi-annual session adopted a statement requesting the President "to avoid naming a permanent representative to the Roman Catholic Church or to any other church."

The Baptist Joint Committee noted that "the intricate relationships involved in world peace require the widest range of perception and communication." But, the statement continued, "we believe that the national

interests and the cause of peace are served best by flexible and informal means of church - state consultations rather than by formal diplomatic relations."

Early in 1969 the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention also sent a message to President Nixon warning that the appointment of a special representative to the Vatican would in its opinion "seriously erode civic and religious goodwill in this country."

"Perhaps more importantly," the SBC statement continued, "it would be, we believe, an unfortunate step backwards in American political theory and practice, and in the separate and proper functioning of church and state."

In speaking for the President, Ziegler explained that even though Lodge would have no official status he would be discussing any international or humanitarian subject of interest and concern to the Vatican and the Pope and the President."

Further, Ziegler continued, the new appointee would be "explaining the President's views and policies and will be soliciting views from the Vatican." Also, Lodge would "report back to the President and to the government the Vatican's views" on particular subjects, Ziegler said.

The new "envoy" to the Vatican is expected to make two or three visits a year to the Vatican and will remain in Rome from two to four weeks, as necessary, to complete his periodic discussions, Ziegler said. His first visit is planned for later this month.

The press secretary also noted that Lodge would not have a permanent residence in Rome.

Lodge, who is Episcopalian, will receive no salary in the new post. Formerly chief U. S. negotiator in the Paris peace talks on Vietnam, Lodge also has served as an ambassador to Bonn and as former President Johnson's ambassador to Saigon. In 1960 Lodge was Mr. Nixon's vice presi-

dential running mate.

Americans United Hits Lodge Appointment

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SNS) — The appointment of Henry Cabot Lodge as the President's personal representative to the Vatican is "an egregious violation of this nation's tradition of separation of church and state and a false appeal for Catholic votes by President Nixon," said Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, in a statement released today. The text follows:

"The appointment of Henry Cabot Lodge to the Vatican is another of those unwise moves which brings the Nixon Administration into ill repute. Administration spokesmen gave solemn assurances that no move of this kind was to be made. Now it has been made as perhaps we should have anticipated."

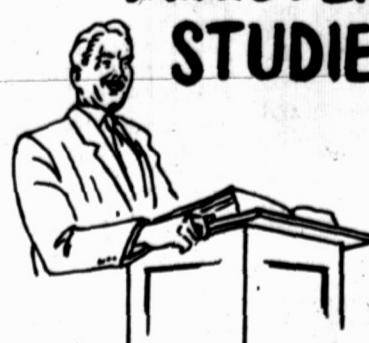
"The Vatican is neither fish nor fowl. It claims to be a church when this serves its purpose and a state when that seems advantageous. The facts are that it is a clerical-political amalgam. A representative to it from this country will not enhance the Administration's image either at home or abroad. It will do nothing but stir inter - creedal antagonisms and divide our people even more than they are already divided."

"The information to be gained at the Vatican is vastly overrated and, in any case, could be picked up by our lawful agents, without diplomatic representation. The 'personal representative' angle is a crude device to avoid confirmation by the Senate where a Vatican ambassador would likely go down to defeat."

"Most Protestants, and many Roman Catholics will view this appointment cynically as an obvious political ploy."

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BAPTIST EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGNS JUNE 21 TO JULY 5 IN 13 ASIAN COUNTRIES NEED PRAYER SUPPORT STOP MORE THAN 500 BAPTISTS FROM PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD ARE UNITED FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE CAMPAIGNS IN THE PHILIPPINES, GUAM, TAIWAN, OKINAWA, SOUTH KOREA, HONG KONG, SOUTH VIETNAM, INDONESIA, SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA, THAILAND, EAST PAKISTAN AND INDIA

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Sunday, June 21 To Be 'Hospital Day'

(Continued from page 1)

The plans were first officially announced in January after a series of meetings with architects and after several years of study by members of the board.

During February and March, the administration of the hospital organized a team to spear - head the \$2,000,000 fund drive to raise 8 per cent of the estimated total cost.

Heading this fund drive is R. Baxter Wilson, with Ben Lampton as vice-chairman. Henry Holman Jr. and Yandell Wideman head the campaign's Development Fund.

Committee chairmen include Russ M. Johnson, Minor C. Sunners, Al Flannes, Frank Smith, Owen Cooper, Dr. Tom Blake and Kenneth Whatley.

Even before the official drive got under way on April 1, hospital employees had set a goal of \$100,000 and had met and exceeded that goal within three weeks.

News of this response was met with applause at a banquet in a downtown Jackson hotel which kicked off the campaign and which was attended by hundreds of volunteer workers.

Meanwhile, Mississippi Baptist Hospital has been the scene of a wide variety of other activities and developments which have continued to keep the hospital in the spotlight.

Some examples:

The Gilroy School of Nursing recently graduated 44 seniors, most of them now at work in various hospitals,

offices and clinics throughout the state.

The hospital's Coronary Care Unit, featured in nationally - circulated magazines, marked its first anniversary after treating hundreds of patients its first year.

Plans are underway for the opening of the new Progressive Care Unit in August for patients well enough not to need acute nursing care.

The hospital was recently accredited for another two - year period by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, the national hospital rating body.

Eight medical graduates begin one-year rotating internships at the hospital July 1 in a stepped - up program for interns directed by Dr. John F. Busey.

Schools of radiologic technology, medical technology, inhalation therapy and practical nursing are carrying out training programs in those four disciplines.

The hospital will be the locale for the clinical training of all students of the new School of Nursing at Mississippi College.

The hospital continues to purchase the latest in equipment, such as a Pho - Gamma Scintillation Camera, Day Star operating light and other items.

The hospital has been certified since last October to accept Medicare patients and has admitted hundreds of such patients over the past nine months.

M. Ronchi, Italian Leader, Dies At 70

Manfredi Ronchi, Baptist minister, editor, and internationally known denominational leader in Italy, died May 25 in Zurich. He was 70 years of age.

He was in his 36th year as pastor of the Teatro Valle Baptist Church in Rome. At time of death, he had been editor of the monthly Italian Baptist periodical for about 30 years. He was also current president of the Italian Baptist Pastors' Association.

For five years, Ronchi was vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance. He had also been president of the European Baptist Federation.

Burial was held in a Zurich cemetery. The Rome church conducted a memorial service. Survivors include his wife, Maria, and three sons and three daughters. Two sons were also called into the ministry—Franco, who had worked among Italians living in Zurich, and Sergio, a theological student in Rome.

Ronchi entered the Methodist hospital in Zurich 11 days earlier for surgery. He was recuperating when he died. Death was attributed to heart failure.

Ronchi's life had been highlighted by his outspoken advocacy of religious liberty. This often brought him into confrontations with Roman Catholics in Italy.

Once in 1949 Ronchi went to a community outside Rome. He would preach outdoors. A policeman walked up and told him, "You are not allowed to hold a religious meeting here." "If it is permitted to conduct a

The Catholic party should not be supported, Ronchi maintained, because it violates the principle of Christian liberty.

Often after lectures, debates would ensue that lasted longer than the speeches.

When Italy entered the Second World War, Ronchi was appointed a chaplain, the only Italian Baptist ever so to serve.

He was one of the few members of the Baptist World Alliance executive committee who spoke out in favor of accepting an invitation to send an observer to the Second Vatican Council.

Of slightly less average height and heavy set, with bushy grey hair and a distinguished goatee, Ronchi was a familiar sight at conferences in Italy and abroad. He never hesitated to speak out at length on issues that he felt were vital. He spoke English well.

His legal training, which may have prompted him to voice his opinions on issues, was a help to the Baptist Union of Italy. This was especially true when counsel was needed on legal restrictions that Protestants faced in past years there.—(EBPS)

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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

Convention Afterthoughts

Denver was a delightful place for a Southern Baptist Convention session. After some rain and cool weather the first day, the weather warmed up and was perfect for the rest of the meeting. The Exhibition Hall which was used for the convention hall, is hardly ideal as an auditorium, yet it worked very satisfactorily. A building 580 feet long, with a level floor, places those on the back rows quite a distance from the speaker's platform. Efforts were made to use a television camera to throw an image of the speaker on a large screen behind the platform, but technical problems delayed the use of this until the closing sessions, and then problems of keeping the lights up during business sessions, made the image rather dim. Despite this, the messengers attended consistently and the great hall was full at almost every session.

The city was friendly, and the welcome to Baptists was genuine. Colorado Baptists had worked diligently to prepare for our coming and they did an outstanding job. We are sure that most messengers left Denver with the feeling that they hope that the convention can return to the "mile high city" with its Rocky Mountain back drop some day soon. It was a thrilling scene to look out the hotel window toward the towering, snow-capped mountains, which were not too far away to the West. Like Dr. Criswell, we felt that we should like to have one of those mountains near our own office or home, where we could look at it often.

The Denver Convention was more of a business session, and less an inspirational meeting, than almost any convention we ever have attended. This answered the demands of many years that more time be given to business discussion, but did leave something lacking in the spiritual and inspirational impact that conventions usually make. There were great inspirational hours, and outstanding messages, but there simply were not as many of them as we ordinarily have. There appears to be little possibility of improving this situation, since the convention proper next year has been cut to six sessions, beginning on Tuesday morning, and concluding Thursday at noon, with no session on Wednesday afternoon.

Perhaps the inspiration will have to come in the pre-convention WMU Convention and Pastor's Conference, and in the great night sessions, and other special hours such as that in Denver when Billy Graham spoke. Yet, we would hope that the committee planning the St. Louis program, will be able to give us one or two more great inspirational messages.

All Southern Baptists can thank God for the leadership given by Dr. W. A. Criswell, during the two years he has served as president. Already respected and loved by Baptists everywhere, these two years have simply strengthened his position in Baptist hearts. His Christlike spirit, his tremendous scholarship, his warm heart, his love for people, his uncompromising stand for

Pray, Pray, Pray!

When you read these words, your editor, along with several other Mississippians, and a large number of other Southern Baptists, will be in Asia or New Zealand, ready to begin the South Pacific and Asian Crusades which start in many places on Sunday, June 21. Other meetings will be held the following week, and still others after the Baptist World Alliance in Tokyo in early July.

Your editor and Dr. David Grant, pastor of Broadmoor, Jackson, left on Tuesday morning, June 16, to begin their long flight to the Philippine Islands. Other Mississippians, all listed in last week's Record, are leaving this week or next week for similar meetings, in the Philippines or other countries.

The editor will be on the main island of the Philippines, Luzon. The first week he will be preaching in the small city of Agoo, a coastal town on the South China Sea, near the larger city of Baguio and approximately 125 miles north of Manila. That meeting will be with a mission which does not even have a building. Services will be held in a tent. The

second week will be with a church in the Cabanatuan area, approximately 60 miles north of Manila.

Dr. Grant will be on the Island of Mindanao, the largest southern island of the Philippines, and several hundred miles south of Manila. Other Mississippians going to the Philippines have been assigned to other areas.

Please pray daily for all of these meetings. The Foreign Mission Board has felt that this crusade, scheduled to be held in proximity to the date of the Baptist World Alliance, which is being held for the first time in an Asian country, could have a great spiritual impact on this great area of the globe.

The preachers and workers going to these areas, do not know what situations they will find in each individual field, but simply have committed themselves to God's hands to try to give a positive Christian witness as they work with missionaries and pastors.

On Thursday and Friday of this week the workers assigned to the Philippines will meet with missionaries and leaders in a brief

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Midst Turmoil And Frustration



NEWEST BOOKS

THE INSPIRATION AND AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE by Rene Pache (Moody Press, 349 pp., \$5.95)

Is the Bible the Word of God or does it just contain the Word of God? Are the Scriptures truly of God and clothed with his authority or is their inspiration uncertain, partial or varying? How is the Bible inspired? The author defines and then shows why we can and must accept verbal and plenary inspiration. He discusses what the Bible says itself about revelation and about its own inspiration. He announces the testimony given to the Bible by Christ and by the church. He does not dodge the problems but discusses the questions of the difficulties which are found in the Scriptures. Chapters cover the canon, the transmission of the text, etc. Others deal with biblical criticism and opposition to verbal plenary inspiration. Finally, he covers the supernatural characteristics of the Scripture and its pre-eminence. The author is a widely-known Swiss theologian who has written numerous outstanding books. This is one of his very finest and will be most helpful to those who are faced with doubts raised by liberals. We recommend this as a book which should have a wide reading, both among preachers and serious Bible students.

THE OPEN DOOR BY Eileen Heming (Christian Literature Crusade, paperback, 128 pp., 75 cents).

This is the story of a young girl who had been knocked down by a bus and was suffering from an injured spine. While Mary was in bed for a year, she learned that life in bed can be an adventure, and she used the time as an invalid to bring many friends to the knowledge of Jesus as Savior.

ing session in Manila. On Saturday they will depart for their fields of service. The first meetings will begin on Sunday.

You can have a great personal part in this crusade by spending some time each day, praying for God's power and victory in each revival.

After the Crusade the workers will move on toward Tokyo where they will participate in the World

GUIDELINES TO ECUMENICALISM by H. Leo Eddleman (Christ for the World Publishers, 125 pp., paper, \$1.00)

Messages on basic aspects of the Christian faith with ecumenical overtones. The author lays the foundation of Christian faith and then moves into a discussion of Christian unity. He shows that the real weapon for unity is the Word of God. However, he also discusses the place that evangelism has in ecumenism. Chapters deal with the participants in unity movements and with the history of ecumenical councils. His final chapter discusses how all things work together for good to them that love the Lord.

SERMONS ON UNFAMILIAR TEXTS by Dinsdale T. Young (Baker, 287 pp., \$2.95).

Here are twenty sermons from the less familiar portions of the Bible. The sermons, interest-arousing, instructive, and thought-provoking were preached by Dinsdale T. Young, an English Wesleyan preacher who ministered in the early part of this century. Who would not sit up and take notice if his preacher announced his intention to preach on the text, "I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant;" or on the words, "And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him;" or "If I were hungry, I would not tell thee."

HIGH SCHOOL LEADERS RESOURCE BOOK (Scripture Press, \$3.95, paperback, 96 pp.)

Here are 101 ideas from successful youth groups, for planning and promotion, fellowship and service activities, missions and outreach, leadership development, retreats, rallies, and recreation. A very excellent resource book for youth directors.

Alliance meeting. There they will be joined by thousands of other Baptists from around the world who will be assembling just for the Alliance. Pray that this meeting, too, may make an impact, not only upon Japan where it is being held, but also upon other Asian countries.

The editor and most of the others will return to Mississippi around the last of July.

Emissary To The Vatican

We support the president of the United States. He is our president, and we respect him, support him and pray for him. We have backed him in most of the things which he has included in his program of leadership, and shall continue to do so.

However, President Nixon has made a serious error in naming an Emissary to the Vatican. Even though this appointee is simply a personal representative of the President, and has no official status, the action still is an error.

Even though it makes a claim to being a country, the Vatican actually is not that. It is a religious denomination and nothing more. It also is true that it claims to be the largest religious group in the world, and that the Pope has authority that no other religious leader possesses yet he is simply a religious leader. He is not a president; he is not a king; his state is in reality a state in name only. There is no more reason for sending an Emissary to the Vatican than there is to send one to Southern Baptist headquarters in Nashville, American Baptist headquarters in Valley Forge, Methodist headquarters in Nashville or Lutheran headquarters in St. Louis.

It is argued that the President

can get important information for our country by having a representative go from time to time to the Vatican "listening post." If the Vatican has information that is important to America or any other nation, it should be available to the United States and the whole world, without the necessity of some type of diplomatic representation.

We believe that the confusion and mistrust that the appointment will cause in the United States, will far offset any values which may come from having such an appointment. The President evidently has been under strong Roman Catholic pressure, for not only has he made this error, but also he recently announced that he was supporting the moves to secure federal funds for parochial schools. Somebody is pressuring too much from that side, and it must be offset by pressure and protests from those who believe in complete religious freedom and absolute separation of church and state.

Already Southern Baptist leaders, POA, and other groups are protesting this announced appointment. We hope that the protests will grow so loud that the President will recognize his error and quickly announce that his appointment has been withdrawn.



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

I am sitting under the hair-dryer. No, I haven't just washed my hair—I have just about pulled it all out. And I needed a place to be still.

In the utility room the washer and dryer are gurgling and bumping, respectively; in the kitchen the dishwasher is swooshing. In the dining room Frank is listening as the Creedence Clearwater Revival decorate both our lovely stereo and "Them Ole Cotton Fields." In his room Bobby has his guitar and vocal chords going, and you can't hear one for the other. James Neil's radio is going at roughly 4.5 decibels and he's singing along in a lusty reverberatory manner.

Add to all this the intermittent antiphonal chorus of the central-heating furnace, the refrigerator motor, and hot water heater, to say nothing of the phone and doorbell, and you wouldn't believe that I could still hear the ticking of the clock. But I

could. It's noisy under this hair-dryer, but all the other noises are put away, and I can be still and know that He is God.

A mother often needs a refuge. One day I struck on the beautiful idea of getting in the car and driving down a quiet country road for a few minutes. When I announced my departure and was asked my destination, I rather sheepishly said, "Oh, just riding." I was stared at with unbelieving eyes and had to turn down an offer of company. Somehow the ride was no refuge; I kept seeing those questioning faces watch me ride away. I was eyed rather suspiciously on my return.

So today I am under the hair-dryer, a delightful refuge, a strange sort of ivory tower. Here I can think what I'm all about and refresh my spirit from God's spirit. But if a boy walks in and says, "I didn't hear you wash your hair," I will clobber him.

I THE BAPTIST FORUM I

Enjoys Wilda Fancher's Column

Dear Dr. Odle:

This is to the Baptist Forum. I have written to you twice for helpful reasons and you have answered personally. I do thank you.

Now it is to Drs. Swor and Merriman, also Mrs. Wilda Fancher. I was so disappointed when Dr. Swor left the corner in the Baptist Record. At first, I did not think I would want to read her write-up. Let me apologize as I find it so inspiring and helpful, as well as entertaining. Thank you.

Also Dr. Swor, thank you for your book, "TO ENRICH EACH DAY." Look on page 24, for Jan. 15, in this book. You will find my reason for writing, as it is gratitude. Thank you.

I am 86 years old, and have a good home with my baby daughter. My joy is my Bible and the blessings of God on me.

Mrs. Olian E. Smith
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Brookhaven, Miss. 39065

Service Man Writes From Viet Nam On Youth Music

Dear Dr. Odle:

I am a young Southern Baptist preacher currently serving in Vietnam in the 25th Infantry Division. I receive the Baptist Record every week and it's always good to know how and what my fellow Baptists are doing in Mississippi.

Charles L. Nail, Sr.
Little Bahala Baptist Church
Wesson, Mississippi

The great aim of education is not knowledge, but action.
—Herbert Spencer

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Carey Commencement Personalities

WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE commencement personalities posed prior to the Baccalaureate service. A record number of 201 seniors received bachelor degrees. This was 30 more than had ever participated in a commencement service in the history of the institution. Left to right: Louis Scott, president of the Carey Alumni Association, who gave the invocation; Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, president of the college; Dr. Brooks Wester, Baccalaureate speaker; and Dr. Joseph Ernest, academic vice-president. Dr. Wester is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hattiesburg.



BMC Award Doctorate To Winters

DONALD WINTERS, Dean of the School of Music, William Carey College, center, received an Honorary Doctor of Music degree during Commencement Exercises at BMC; Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, President of William Carey College, who led the Benediction for the BMC May Convocation; and right, President Harold Fisher, who awarded the Diploma, Citation, Doctoral Robe and Hood to Dr. Winters.



One Among 101

DR. H. R. HERRINGTON, left, delivered the Baccalaureate Sermon at Blue Mountain College. Center, is Miss Charlotte Garrison of Pontotoc, who graduated Summa Cum Laude, the only such record among the 101 1970 graduates. Right, President E. Harold Fisher of Blue Mountain College; and Otis Wilmuth Allen, Superintendent of Leflore County Schools, Greenwood, Mississippi, who delivered the Commencement Address at BMC.



BMC Commencement
LEFT TO RIGHT: Harvey T. Gibson, Director of Field Service, Church Training Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, who led the Commencement Invocation for Blue Mountain College Commencement Program; President E. Harold Fisher of Blue Mountain College; and Otis Wilmuth Allen, Superintendent of Leflore County Schools, Greenwood, Mississippi, who delivered the Commencement Address at BMC.

YWAs Look To Future At Last Conference

The thousand or more Young Woman's Auxiliary members who gather at Ridgecrest June 25-July 1 will be marking the end of an era. After forty-six years of YWA camps or conferences, this is the last.

Woman's Missionary Union began the annual summer gathering for YWAs in 1924 at Ridgecrest. YWAs have had a national summer conclave every year since, except in 1945. That year, due to war, the young women gathered within their own locales.

Young Woman's Auxiliary, along with its annual conference, will become history in October. In co-operation with the denomination's new plan of grouping and grading, WMU has created two new organizations to serve the YWA age range. Girls ages 12-17 will be Acteens, and young women ages 18-29 will be Baptist Young Women. These age groups will

have new and different opportunities for national conferences in the future.

The last YWA conference will pay tribute to the past and will seek to ready YWAs for changing times. Theme is "Here Is My Life," taken from the song of that name. Composer of the song, Gene Bartlett, music secretary for Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, will direct conference music.

Key speakers will be Peter Rhea Jones, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Charles Petty of the Texas Christian Life Commission. Jones will lecture on Christian response to contemporary issues. Petty will speak on marriage and family life.

Jones and Petty will participate in a dialogue, "Individuality vs. Conformity."

Stage productions will acquaint YWAs with Acteens and Baptist Young Women, and will help members find their places in the new organizations.

Workshops will be offered for training workers with nonreaders and with the deaf.

Sight and sound presentations will spotlight the work of the Home Mission Board and Foreign Mission Board. Eleven home and foreign missionaries will speak and display momentos of their work in small and large group meetings.

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Revival Results



Holocaust Church: Reasons Note

Holcomb Church Burns Note
ON MAY 17, the congregation of Holcomb Church met outside the sanctuary, following the morning service, to burn the note of indebtedness on the church building. Deacons Raymond "Slim" Carpenter and John Robert Bailey are shown burning the note. Rev. Charles Boyd, pastor, states, "The entire church, including the Sunday school section, was built about five years ago, and is now debt-free. This was all made possible, from the human standpoint, by hard work and faithfulness on the part of God's people."



CLARKE MINISTERIAL OFFICERS FOR '70-'71—Newly elected officers of the Clarke College Ministerial Association are: back row, from left—Ron Windle, Monroeton, Pa.; Chris Spurlock, Gallipolis, Ohio, president; Ken Pegram, Burt, faculty advisor; front row, — Paul Bryant, Louisville; Tony Gibson, Bay Minette, Ala.; Monroe Huckabee, Lake Charles, La.; Danny Panter, ~~Mr. Curtis~~, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON

The Christian In The World

By Clifton J. Allen

Romans 12:13

The Bible is a revelation of God's will and way for his people. Particularly, the teaching of the New Testament gives the Christian guidance for personal conduct and for relationships with other persons. We thus learn that the firstfruits of a saved relationship with Christ are meant to be a quality of life marked by personal righteousness. Our lesson passages from Romans 12:13 are both a clear guide and a spiritual challenge for Christian morality.

The Lesson Explained Self-Giving On The Highest Level Verses 12:1-2

Paul makes an earnest personal appeal for complete self-giving to the will of God. The "therefore" implies that the Christian is bound by the wondrous realities of the grace of God in his salvation experience. The basis for the appeal is "the mercies of God." These are a constraining motive for full dedication. The Christian is under obligation to present his body as a living sacrifice. The body is not to be offered in death but in living, and it is to be a medium for works of righteousness and deeds of service. The body is to be considered holy, which means that it belongs to God. If it is to serve the purpose of God, it cannot be marred by lust, covetousness, hatred, hypocrisy, or dissipation. Beyond this, the Christian must resolutely refuse to be conformed to the patterns of the world as to conduct and practice. Moral transformation can come through moral purpose and struggle if the Christian will yield himself to the guidance and help of the Holy Spirit.

Love Is Enough Verses 12:14-21; 13:8-10

Love is to be the ruling principle of the Christian life. We are to forgive wrongs and insults. Nothing short of Christian love can produce such a spirit. We are to share the joys and sorrows of others — regardless of their attitude toward us. We are to guard against selfish ambition and pride. It takes this sort of spirit to get along harmoniously with other persons. We are never to pay back evil, though we receive evil treatment at the hand of the world. Evil for evil will only add fuel to the flame of bad feeling. We are to do the honorable thing. This will dispel many occasions for a quarrel. We are to strive to be at peace with others. The effort may fail, but it is a safeguard against a clash. We are to leave vengeance to God. Let us avoid wrath and trust God to take care of our interests. We are to overcome evil with good. This is God's way. In every relationship, love is enough.

"Love one another" is the all-inclusive principle, adequate for every situation and every relationship. But let it be understood what love is: it is active goodwill reaching out toward other persons with appreciation

Revival Dates

Paul Truitt Memorial Church, (Rankin): June 22 - June 26; week - day services at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; regular time of 11:00 and 7:30 on Sunday; Rev. J. Elvin Reeves, pastor of Norwich Street Church, Brunswick, Ga., evangelist; Rev. Doug Warren, Clinton, in charge of the music; Rev. J. L. Reeves, pastor.

Military (Lamar): June 21-26; Rev. H. L. Davis, pastor at Hickory, evangelist; Rev. Herman McAlpin, pastor; church choir in charge of music; Sunday morning and afternoon services, with dinner on the grounds; weekday services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

McCall Creek Church: June 21-28; Rev. C. Lee Cowley, (pictured), formerly assistant pastor of First Church,

Trussville, Alabama, presently enrolled at New Orleans Seminary, evangelist; Guy Anderson, minister of music and youth at First Church, Fultondale, Alabama, evangelist; services at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Gary P. Burton, pastor.

Fellowship Church, Lorman: June 21-26; services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; dinner on the grounds and an afternoon service on Sunday, June 21; Magnolia Quartet will sing Sunday afternoon; Rev. Jerry Wise, evangelist; Fernan Dale Freeman, song leader.

of their worth, respect for their personality, and a desire to help them. Such love is to be inclusive of people of other races, other nations, other classes, our enemies, all people everywhere. A person who loves, in the Christian sense, could never commit adultery, or steal, or kill, or bear false witness, or covet. To love one's neighbor as oneself will fulfill every obligation of respect and help.

Christian Morality Verses 13:14-15

Christian morality is a Christian's duty. There must be a renunciation of the sins of flesh and spirit, the sins of intemperance and lust and jealousy and faction. There is no substitute for purity in the area of sex, abstinence from intoxicating beverages of all kinds, self-control that leads to moral decency and strength, and unselfishness which makes jealousy and strife impossible. The way of achievement is by putting on the Lord Jesus Christ. This means, first of all, to receive Christ into the heart as Lord and Saviour; it means, next, to accept his moral standards and to depend on his grace and strength.

Truths to Live By

Christian living is a daring vocation. — This is not simply a matter of keeping sex under control, turning away from liquor and other intoxicating beverages, refusing to curse or steal, and being honest in business. Christian living is all-inclusive — refusing and rejecting what is wicked or profane or degenerate and accepting and demonstrating all that is pure and generous and merciful and just and true and worthy of praise. To make that kind of living one's vocation calls for moral courage and moral struggle and intelligence and kindness of the highest order.

Christian morality is required by the teaching of Christ. — There are standards for Christian conduct. Christians are not left to the ethics of a given situation or to the bias of personal opinion or to the fallibility of human judgment or to the customs of a culture or to the laws of the state: they have authoritative guidance in the teaching of Christ. We can know with certainty "how Christians ought to live in private and in public, at play and at work, in adversity and in prosperity, in ghettos and in skyscrapers, in families and schools and churches, wherever they are. The living Christ has given his Spirit to help us to become the people of "the Way" that the world may know that we are the people of God.

The Christian's life is a witness to the world. — Unselfishness, truthfulness, purity, and forgiving love are not normal for human beings unless they have been captured by Christ. But these qualities ought to be normal for every person who acknowledges Christ as the Lord of his life.

When the way a person lives is radiantly Christian, the people of the world become convinced that the redemption of Christ is a reality and that there is sustaining strength in Christian faith.

LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM

New Values For Old

Philippians 3

By Bill Duncan

One day I was telling a young person what the Bible says a person must do and have in order to stand secure in salvation. When I asked the person if he would accept salvation by faith, he said, "No, there would be too much that I would have to give up." Then I said, "I did not mention giving up anything, but accepting what God has to offer."

The things he wanted to hold on to were not worth what he would lose. There can be no getting around the fact that a new set of values replaces the old when Christ becomes the Lord of life. There never has been anything or will there ever be anything worth what eternal life is. The Christian life has a complete new set of values that make life different.

Paul the apostle showed to the church in the letter to the Philippians what happened to him. He took on a complete new set of values simply because of the new birth. This becomes the case with all people who become Christian. Some have more difficulty than others.

The Worthless Profits

What a list of investments Paul puts down. In Paul's former exclusive Jewish world these were "blue chip stock." But when he became a Christian he wrote them off as worthless. Before, he had placed great worth upon his nationality as a pure Jew made in religious adherence to all laws. He was ever proud of his strong political power as a citizen of Rome. Paul felt praiseworthy for his stand against the church. But his spiritual finances were in hopeless condition. What riches they once seemed; now worthless.

The list of Jewish qualities made Paul to feel secure until he became a Christian. "Circumcised the eighth day," — true Jew. "Of the stock of Israel — pious Jew. "Of the tribe of Benjamin" — outstanding heritage. An Hebrew of the Hebrews — pure Jew. "As touching the law, a Pharisee" — very strict in all the daily observance of the law. "Concerning zeal, persecuting the church" — fanatical indignation. "Touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless" — he was not lax in the minute duties of the law. Guy King says that Paul, "becoming his own auditor, could only certify the whole as dead loss, and himself a miserable and hopeless bankrupt. "I have suffered the loss of all things." (Verse 8)

All these good things yield no interest in the "money market of the soul, paid no dividend to the treasury in heaven." Yet Paul did not view himself as having to sacrifice anything. He saw that Christ was worth much more than these, so he was willing to give up these that he might win Christ.

The Matchless Gain

"All financial gain, all material gain, all physical gain, all intellectual gain, all moral gain, all religious gain — all these are but such little gains compared with the Great Gain. "That I might win Christ." We do not win Christ by our merits but faith opens the door for us to accept Christ as Saviour. The victory is one of personal defeat — humility. The victory is for Christ overcoming our sin and selfishness.

The gain of position is to be found in Him. Paul used over and over the theme "In Christ." Our position is in relationship to him and this gives to us prestige and power. We gain his righteousness that is reckoned to be ours.

The gain of knowledge is to be ours. "That I may know Him." Having

gained Him it is our desire to come to know Him better. By loving Him and doing His will, we come to have a knowledge based upon experience. Paul also wanted to know the power of the resurrection now as well as in the hereafter. The knowledge now will give power over temptation and Satan. The knowledge in the hereafter will give glory and fellowship with God.

If we can see the joy of life in this present world we want to know the fellowship of his suffering. There is a love that binds hearts together that suffer together. If Paul could gain this fellowship, then he would be ready to live.

Drive For Prize

There are many prizes in this world. Some only last for the occasion and others are worthless. What are you striving to obtain? Your god in life will determine your prize. Paul realized that he had not obtained the prize that is satisfying but his desire was to keep pushing toward the high calling of Christ Jesus. The only way he could reach this god was discipline. He was reaching with all his Spirit directed efforts. When he gained this prize few would ever appreciate what he had done. But one person Jesus Christ would know and that was sufficient.

This prize is available to all who desire to please God. It might not be the same but the joy will be. My calling will be different from yours, but we will be serving the same Person. The way a person values things, actions, and life will reveal what is the prize that we are reaching for. So forget the past, focus upon the future, and live for Christ. He will reveal the true worth of life and its pleasures and achievements.

Rev. P. N. Harlan Resigns Laurel Hill

Rev. P. N. Harlan has resigned the pastorate of Laurel Hill Church in Neshoba County, where he had served for fifteen months.

Mr. Harlan a native of Vaiden, has been pastor for thirty-eight years. Prior to the Laurel Hill pastorate, he served Old Pearl Valley Church in Neshoba County for three years. Other of his pastorates have included ones at Camp Ground Church, Water Valley; Yellow Leaf, Oxford; Germantown, Tenn.; and Natchez. He led in the organization of the Friendship Church, Natchez.

Pastor of London Hill Church (Lafayette County) twice, he led in the erection of a building; then after a tornado destroyed the building, he led the congregation in the rebuilding.

Under his leadership the Yellow Leaf and Old Pearl Valley Churches adopted the Every Family Plan of the Baptist Record.

Mr. Harlan is the former Fannie Lou Betts. The Harlans have a son and daughter, both in Jackson, Mrs. Derwood Boyles, and Bill Harlan, pharmacist with Southwest Drugs.

Mr. Harlan is available for supply work or for interim pastorate. He may be contacted at 135 O'Ferrall St., Jackson, Miss. (phone 354-1818).

From Korea: As of May 6, Korean Baptist churches had recorded 8,628 professions of faith prior to and during the first phase of their "Year of Victory" evangelistic crusade, according to Southern Baptist Missionary Don C. Jones. During two and a half months of preparation for the crusade 368 churches recorded 3,256 professions of faith, Jones said.

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Thursday, June 18, 1970

Formerly Blind Minister Is Ordained

By Anne McWilliams

"I think I should tell you that you only have a 50-50 chance of this operation's being successful." That was what the doctor told John Prestage. "Perhaps you would like to consider this longer."

"No, prepare for the operation, for I am ready now," was the reply. John Prestage knew that the odds were definitely in his favor, for he had been praying about this matter, and he had faith that God had heard his prayer.

This man was blind, being able only faintly to distinguish light. He had heard God's call to preach, and had prayed, "Lord, if you want me to serve you in a more capable way, help me to see." Now he had a chance to undergo a cornea transplant, and he had confidence that this would be God's answer to his request.

When the operation was performed on one eye, and the bandage removed, John Prestage could see!

Mr. Prestage was ordained to the gospel ministry at Crestwood Church, Jackson, on May 22. Those on the ordination program included Rev. Robert Perry, pastor at Crestwood; Rev. G. A. McCoy, former Crestwood pastor, who preached the ordination sermon; and Jerry St. John, Miss. Baptist Convention Board, missionary to the deaf, who gave the charge to the church.

Mr. Prestage is in full-time evangelistic work, preaching in revivals, and filling special speaking engagements. Anyone desiring to contact him may do so at 338 Keener St., Jackson (phone 353-2565).

At Mississippi Industries for the Blind in Jackson, where both he and his wife are employed, he is in charge of the devotional chapel period held there each Thursday. In addition, he preaches on the radio, (Jackson station WJQS) at 7:30 Sunday mornings, on "The Evangelistic Hour."

He is on the Board of Directors of the Helping Hand Mission in Jackson. (The mission is in the process of erecting a new building on a "pay as you go" basis.)

Native of Scott County, he has lived in Jackson for the past fifteen years, and has been a member of Crestwood Church for about five years. He was licensed to preach by the Southside Church, Jackson.

While he was a student in the Jackson School for the Blind, he was



Rev. and Mrs. John Prestage converted and was baptized at Broadmoor Church, Jackson.

Mrs. Prestage, native of Green County, is the former Susie Lois Deerman. At Crestwood Church, she works in the nursery.

Having been able to read only in Braille before the cornea transplant, Mr. Prestage is now an avid reader. In more ways than one, he can say, "Whereas I was blind, now I see."

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Devotional

Living By Faith

Heb. 11:1-10

By Don R. Cooper, Pastor, First, Southaven

Faith, in the Christian Biblical sense, cannot be adequately defined with words. It must be demonstrated with lives. The writer of Hebrews in Chapter 10 Verse 38 quotes Habakkuk 2:4 as God said to His prophet, "the just shall live by faith." Those who are right with God will give living evidence of their personal reliance on God born of conviction and commitment.

Hebrews Chapter 11 might be called the "Hall of Faith." The author presents selected persons of faith out of the Old Testament as illustrations for us to consider and examples for us to follow in living by faith.

To live by faith is to base our lives on the certainties of God as we live in the midst of much uncertainty (vs. 1-3) — the saints of old ("elders") our example. We have a firm foundation for our faith in His Word, and truly the people of faith are God's special people (v. 2).

To live by faith is to truly worship God as we live in the midst of much false worship (v. 4) — Able our example. The worship of faith is the giving of our best to the One who has given us His best.

To live by faith is to walk with God as we live in the midst of much ungodliness (vs. 5-8) — Enoch our example. The greatest motive of faithfulness is to hear our Lord's "well done."

To live by faith is to obey God as we live in the midst of much sinfulness (V. 7) — Noah our example. How we need to be obedient especially in the matter of witnessing and seek to lead others into the Ark of Safety, Jesus Christ, before God's judgment again destroys the world. (II Peter 3:8-7).

To live by faith is to follow God as we live in the midst of much self-centeredness (vs. 8-10) — Abraham our example. Dr. Robert Naylor, president of Southwestern Seminary, said on one occasion, "It is a fresh breath in a stifling world — to do the will of God." For a man to say and mean, "Wherever He leads I'll go," is to live by faith.

Sunday School

70-70 Launch Countdown

By Now You Should Have Done The Following:

1. Elected the Sunday School Director
2. Adopted the New Sunday School Organization
3. Determined Leadership Needs
4. Ordered Sample Literature Kit

During This Month You Should Do The Following:

1. Enlist Sunday School Leaders
2. Prepare Tentative Class Rolls for the New Organization
3. Study and Select New Sunday School Literature
4. Order New Sunday School Literature
5. Adopt the 70-70 Launch
6. Set Date for Fall Revival or Witnessing Emphasis

Baptist Named Bible Week Chairman

NEW YORK (BP)—E. DeVaughn Woods of Nashville, executive vice president of Genesco, Inc., and a deacon at Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville, has been named industry chairman for National Bible Week, slated Nov. 22-29, 1970.

MUSIC

Summer Student Music Program



Huey Harpe



Nevalyn Price



Harry Mercer

ABOVE ARE three of the Summer Student Workers who will be available for churches throughout Mississippi. Miss Nevalyn Price of Ellisville, Mississippi, is a graduate student at the University of Mississippi, with a major in organ. This is Miss Price's fourth year with the Student Music Program. Mr. Huey Harpe is a Church Music major at Mississippi College. He will receive his Bachelor of Music degree in May of 1970. He is from Pelahatchie, Mississippi, and has been organist at the Pelahatchie and Woodville Heights Baptist Churches. This will be Huey's second year with the Summer Student Music Program. Mr. Harry Mercer is organist at the Salem Baptist Church in Collins, Mississippi. He has completed Jones Junior College and will be attending Mississippi Southern in Hattiesburg with an emphasis in music. Harry is with the Summer Student Music Program for the first time this summer.

Some ways in which these Workers can aid your church are:

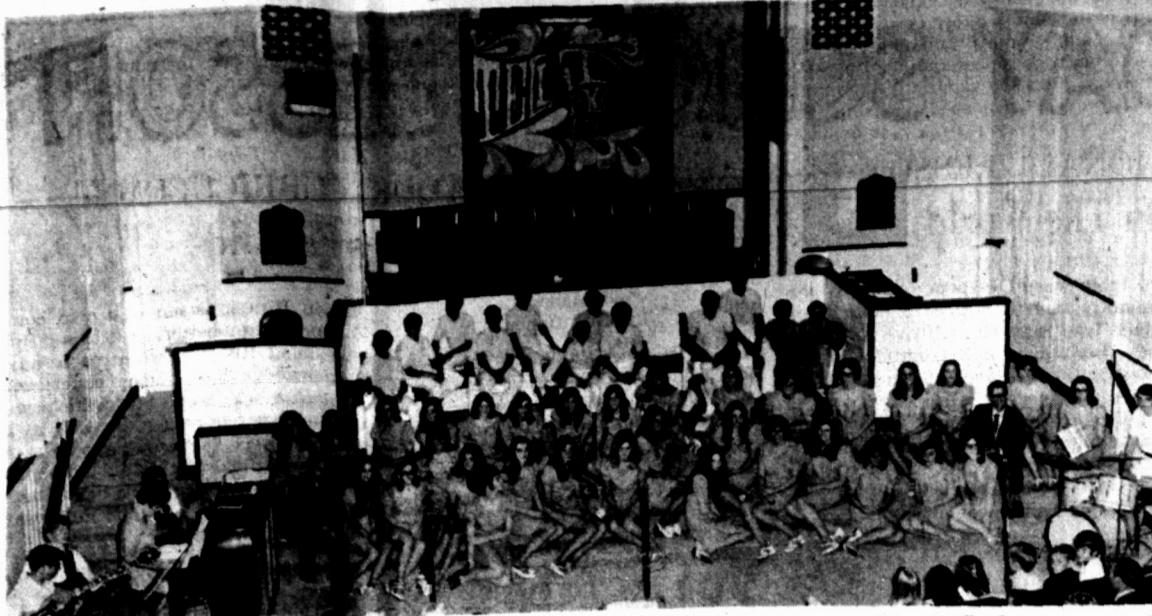
1. Lead in a school of music
2. Assist in Revival or VBS
3. Help pianist and organist in playing hymns
4. Help organize a music ministry
5. Help improve congregational singing

If you are interested in having one of these Workers in your church, please fill out the attached application and mail to: The Church Music Dept., Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.



Aberdeen Youth Choir To Sing In New York

The youth choir of First Church, Aberdeen, left Monday, June 15 for a two week trip to New York where they will be singing, sightseeing and assisting in Vacation Bible Schools. Don Moore, minister of music, noted that the group's first stop will be at Six Flags over Georgia in Atlanta, then on to Rock Hill, South Carolina where they will sing at First Baptist Church. They were to arrive June 17 at Richmond, Virginia where they were to sing and tour Jamestown and Williamsburg. They will tour Washington and on Saturday, June 20 will arrive in Rochester, New York where they will sing a religious folk musical, "Tell It Like It Is." Rev. James Fancher is pastor.



Handsboro Youth Choir Sings Folk Musical in New Orleans

"Tell It Like It Is," the Christian folk musical with a message, was presented by the Youth Choir of Handsboro Church on May 31 at their church and June 7 at the Bel Aire Church. In addition to the regular performances, the young people were granted permission to sing on Jackson Square, in the French Quarter, New Orleans; where they passed out Bibles from the American Bible Society and reported a great response. Future plans call for them to join with other Baptist churches in an associational youth choir rendition of the Carmichael-Kaiser musical June 26 and June 27 in the

Mall at Edgewater Plaza, Biloxi and to sing with the Youth Choir of the First Church, Biloxi on June 28. This is the third Christian folk musical presented by the choir under the direction of James L. McCaleb and combines unusual lighting, sound systems and costumes to present the good news about Jesus Christ in the language and music of today. Guests accompanists for the group are: Mrs. Ottis Loposer, Jr., pianist; Noel Kinard, Gerald Meadows and David Ripple, guitarists, and Ernie Leuenberger, drummer.



National Pastors Visit Mission Work

REV. DICK BROGAN, of Cleveland, director of work with National Baptists of the Convention Board for the Delta area, is currently leading a group of Mississippi National pastors on a 2-week tour of several foreign mission fields. Their itinerary includes Italy, Greece, Israel, Republic of Cyprus and United Arab Republic. Mr. Brogan is seen (second from left) with the group just before they left New York. All the National pastors are graduates of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary.

Long Beach Calls First Minister Of Music And Youth

First Church, Long Beach, recently welcomed their first minister of youth and music, Charles Red. Mr.

Red, his wife, Mary, and children, David, Keith, and Kathy, were honored at an informal reception and food pounding in the church fellowship hall on June 7.

Mr. Red came to Long Beach from First Church, Ferriday, La. In addition to twenty years of part-time work in the music ministry, he has had nine years of full-time work in Mississippi and Louisiana. He has been soloist and music director for revivals in four states.

His college education was received at Meridian Junior College and Tulane University, and he has attended New Orleans Seminary.

Dr. Gail DeBord is pastor at Long Beach.

Forest Church, Meridian; July 5-10; services during the week 7:30 p.m.; Rev. J. Millard Purl, association superintendent of missions for Mississippi Association, Liberty, evangelist; Russell Bishop, Poplar Springs Drive Church, song leader, Rev. Bill Hoffer, pastor.

Arrowood Church, Meridian; July 5-10; services during the week 7:30 p.m.; Rev. J. Millard Purl, association superintendent of missions for Mississippi Association, Liberty, evangelist; Russell Bishop, Poplar Springs Drive Church, song leader, Rev. Bill Hoffer, pastor.

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